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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**  
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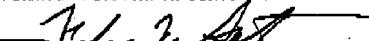
This is response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2007, imposing a restriction and election requirement. Applicant hereby elects the invention of claims 1-30 and 47-52 without traverse, and further elects the species of Figure 4A with traverse, as further explained in the Remarks beginning on page 2 of this transmittal.

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